Direct Purchases by Departments.

CIRCULAR.

ORDER No. S.R. 8387-8486—S.P.C. 18-51-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 18TH MARCH 1952.

The attention of all the indenting officers is invited to Appendix I of the Stores Purchase Manual wherein the powers of the several Heads of Departments to make direct purchases without reference to the Stores Purchase Committee are indicated and they are informed that these powers are not modified by Government Order No. C.S. 18629-18728—C.B. 29-50-3, dated 28th March 1951, wherein orders have been passed regarding proposals for expediting despatch of Government Business.

The Government Order dated 28th March 1951, empowers the officers mentioned therein only to sanction purchases and does not in any way confer upon them the right to make direct purchases up to the limits of their powers of sanction, without reference to the Stores Purchase Committee.

The Heads of Departments are requested to note that except to the extent specified in Appendix I of the Stores Purchase Committee Manual, all purchases must be through the Stores Purchase Committee which is the Central Organisation specifically set up for consolidating indents and making purchases wholesale to the best advantage of Government.

K. BALASUBRAMANYAM,
Secretary to Government,
Local Self-Government Department.

Designates the Commissioner for Rural Development and Registrar of Co-operative Societies as the Commissioner for Local Self-Government under the provisions of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951, and the Mysore Village Panchayets and District Boards Act, 1952.

READ—

Government Order No. L.B. 3510-45—V.P. 45-48-1, dated 29th October 1948, sanctioning a scheme for the reorganisation of the Rural Development work *inter alia* creating the post of the Commissioner for Rural Development for the administration of the work relating to the Rural Development and the Amelioration of the condition of the Depressed Classes in the State.

2. Government Order No. L. 3764-3963—Ml. 129-51-1, dated the 19th July 1951, appointing the Commissioner for Rural Development as *Ex-officio* Commissioner for Local Self-Government, under Section 3 (3) of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951.

3. Notification No. L.B. 10028-48—V.P. 39-51-7, dated the 13th February 1952, fixing the 14th day of February 1952 as the date on which the provisions of the Mysore Village Panchayets and District Boards Act, 1952, shall come into force.

ORDER No. L.B. 11166-11265—V.P. 54-51-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 27TH MARCH 1952.

Under Section 43 of the Mysore Village Panchayet Act, 1926, as amended from time to time, the Revenue Commissioner was the chief controlling authority in respect of all matters relating to the administration of the Village Panchayets in the State including the Rural Reconstruction work. The schemes for Amelioration of the condition of the Depressed Classes were originally entrusted to the Revenue Commissioner. The Commissioner for Labour was appointed Commissioner for Depressed Classes in July 1947; but the work was re-transferred to the Revenue Commissioner in June 1948.

2. With a view to ensuring intensive attention to the work relating to the Rural Development and the amelioration of the condition of the Depressed Classes, which was growing in volume, a separate Department was formed therefor in 1948 with the Commissioner for Rural Development as its head. The Mysore Village Panchayet Act was also amended in 1949 so as to transfer the control over the Village Panchayets from the Revenue Commissioner to the Commissioner for Rural Development. Subsequently the Commissioner for Rural Development Department was placed in additional charge of the duties of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.